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In re Application of: Hjorth et al.

Serial No.: 09/826,245

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Examiner: To be assigned

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For: New Pharmaceutical Composition and The Process for Its Preparation

PETITION AND FEE FOR EXTENSION OF TIME (37 C.F.R. 1.136(a))

Commissioner for Patents Washington, DC 20231

Sir:

It is respectfully requested that the time for response to the Office Action dated December 18, 2002 be extended for a period of 1 month from March 18, 2003 to April 18, 2003. Applicant(s) hereby petition(s) for such extension of time.

In the event that an additional extension of time is required, Applicant(s) hereby petition(s) for such extension of time. The Commissioner of Patents is authorized to charge the required fee, if applicable, to Deposit Account No. 14-1447.

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Please charge the required fee, estimated to be \$110, with this application and to credit any overpayments to Novo Nordisk Pharmaceuticals, Inc., Deposit Account No. 14-1447. Please charge any additional fees, should they be required, to Deposit Account No. 14-1447. A duplicate of this sheet is enclosed.

Date: April 14, 2003

Respectfully submitted,

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